

Survey & Manage Record of Decision

Key Points

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The Record of Decision for the Survey and Manage Mitigation Measure Standards and Guidelines will result in continued species diversity and conservation while at the same time reducing agency costs and facilitating the agencies' ability to implement the forest management and timber production goals of the Northwest Forest Plan.

None of the species that were managed under the Survey and Manage Mitigation Measure standards and guidelines are listed as Threatened or Endangered under the Endangered Species Act, nor are any proposed for listing.

All of the Survey and Manage species were evaluated for inclusion in the agencies' Special Status Species Programs. For those that qualified, agencies must This decision to remove the Survey and Manage Mitigation Measure standards and guidelines and rely instead on the Forest Service and BLM Special Status Species Programs is consistent with National Forests and BLM Districts across the country.

There are approximately 8 million acres of Late-Successional and old growth forest which provide the habitats for the survey and manage species. Over eighty six percent of this existing habitat is protected by the Northwest Forest Plan reserve components.

Over the next 50 years, under the assumptions of the plan for harvest, forest development, and fire, it has been estimated that there will be a net increase of 2.7 million acres of late-successional and old growth forest habitat for these species.

The decision will allow the agencies to save \$16 million per year as well as improve their ability to meet the resource management goals (timber harvest, forest restoration, hazardous fuels treatment) of the Northwest Forest Plan.

The current probable sale quantity for the Northwest Forest Plan is 805 million board feet of timber per year. The agencies offered 116 million board feet 2001, 400 million board feet in 2002, and 473 million board feet in 2003. The decision to remove the Survey and Manage Mitigation Measures could contribute up to 70 million board feet of timber harvest per year. The agencies will still be harvesting less timber than the predictable and sustainable amount estimated in the Northwest Forest Plan.